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1. U.S. VIEWS WERE DISCUSSED WITH ECON ADVISER TO FOREIGN MINISTER JULIO CORREA. CORREA ADVISED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S DELEGATION WOULD INCLUDE FOLLOWING: DEL HEAD JAIME ESTRELLA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PLANNING FOR THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE; HERNAN CUEVA, COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR AT ECUADOREAN EMBASSY ROME; MANUEL ARIAS, CHIEF OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS SECTION OF THE NATIONAL PLANNING BOARD, AND HERNAN CARRERA, ADVISOR TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

2. CORREA INDICATED THAT GOE SUBSTANTIALLY IN AGREEMENT WITH MOST OF THE USG'S VIEWS AS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL. HOWEVER, AREAS OF CONCERN TO THE GOE DEL INCLUDE FOLLOWING: A) DESIRE THAT BOTH DEVELOPED AND OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTE TO A FOOD SECURITY FUND. CORREA EMPHATICALLY STATED THAT ECUADOR, WHILE A NET OIL EXPORTER, WOULD NOT RPT NOT FALL INTO ABOVE CATEGORY. B) WITH RESPECT TO DRAFT RES III
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ON FERTILIZERS, CORREA STATED THAT DEL WULD PUSH TO HAVE MAJOR

FERTILIZER-PRODUCING COUNTRIES USE PRODUCTION FACILITIES UP TO 100 PERCENT OF CAPACITY. HE STATED THAT HE FELT THAT THE DC'S ARE NOT UTILIZING ALL INSTALLED CAPACITY. C) PUTTING A HALT TO FOOD AND GRAIN SPECULATION.

3. WHEN ASKED WHAT THE GOE VIEWS AS THE MOST CRITICAL AREA FOR DISCUSSION AT THE WFC, CORREA ANSWERED IT IS THE CREATION OF A FOOD RESERVE. HE WAS NOT SPECIFIC AS TO THE MECHANISM. HE DID SEEM, HOWEVER, TO FAVOR THE CONCEPT OF PRE-POSITIONED STOCKS.

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